

From the President's desk....



This is the month. Don't forget to vote early. Things always happen if you wait until Election Day so vote early. People we vote for will help determine the outcome of the rest of our lives. If you don't vote, you can't complain.

With regards to our engineering profession, the Sunset Advisory commission staff released its internal staff report on the Texas Board of Professional Engineers last week and recommended only these key modest changes:

- Require the Board to conduct fingerprint-based criminal background checks of applicants.
- Increase the Board's administrative penalty authority to \$5,000 per day.
- Grant cease-and-desist authority to the Board for the unlicensed practice of engineering.

Perhaps of more significance is the fact that the staff recommended extending the agency only six years (rather than the usual twelve) in order to make the next review coterminous with the next review of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). The staff declined to recommend consolidation of the Texas professional licensing agencies at this time. But by tying the extension of the TBPE and TBAE to the next review of the TDLR, the staff's goal is to force a future debate on consolidation. These recommendations will be the subject of a public hearing in November before the Sunset Commission itself.

Do not go to the Barn Door for our November 5 lunch meeting. The Barn Door decided to be closed Mondays from now on. We will therefore be meeting regularly at the Little Red Barn at the corner of Hackberry and Rigsby instead. Ms. Kelley Neumann with SAWS will update us on the Water Management Plan.

The TSPE Board first meeting for 2012-13 was on Friday, October 26 in Austin at the Doubletree Hotel. We hope to hear a Board's report from our state director at our November meeting.

Josh Edwards jobear05@yahoo.com (phone number 806-290-3522) is serving as the 2012-2013 TSPE Young Engineers State Committee Chairman and is looking for volunteers to represent each local TSPE chapter on the state's young engineers committee. This committee plans to develop local young engineers groups to get young engineers involved in TSPE. Call him if you are interested.

At last month meeting we were learned ethics from David Howell, PE, Director of Licensing at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. I personally learned that all 15 annually required professional development hours could be ethics related. I wonder what they are trying to tell us?

Sincerely,

Davy Beicker, P.E., RMT
TSPE Bexar Chapter President

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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November 5, 2012
Chapter Lunch Meeting
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Little Red Barn



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3, 2012
Chapter Lunch Meeting

January 7, 2013
Chapter Lunch Meeting

February 4, 2013
Chapter Lunch Meeting

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Price is \$200 per election period
That is a total of nine newsletter publications
Please contact Lorena Carter, E.I.T. for details
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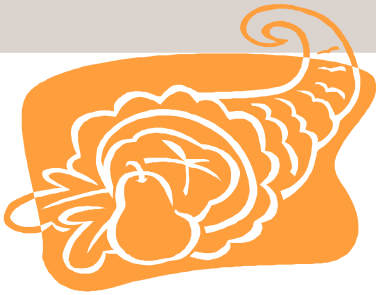
CHAPTER MEETING

OCTOBER ETHICS MEETING

- SUBJECT:** Water Management Plan
- SPEAKER:** Kelley Neumann, P.E.
Senior V.P. of Strategic Resources
- DATE:** November 5, 2012
- TIME:** Registration: 11:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
Presentation: 12:00 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Little Red Barn
1836 South Hackberry Street
San Antonio, TX 78210
- COST:** \$25 member w/Reservation
\$40 non-member w/Reservation
- RSVP:** Deadline:October 29,2012 by 3 p.m.
- CONTACT:** RSVP required online at
www.bexartspe.org
Reservations and online payments are currently open and will close at 3 p.m. on October 29, 2012



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ANNOUNCEMENTS!



-NOVEMBER Meeting Minutes are now posted on TSPE website!!! (www.bexartspe.org)

-Bexar Chapter TSPE is soliciting nominations for the **2013 Engineer of the Year** and **Young Engineer of the Year**, who will be honored at our Annual Banquet in February 2013. Nominees are to be licensed Texas Professional Engineers (age 35 or older) or Engineer in Training in good standing with TSPE. Nominees for Young Engineer of the Year should be under 35 years old.

The Engineer of the Year selection committee consists of: John A. Brogan PE (retired) and H. Michael Coyle, Jr., P.E. and Sam Dawson P.E.

If you would like to nominate someone for "Engineer of the Year" please submit your nominations to John A Brogan PE (retired): home phone 210-342-0586 or cell phone 210-289-9732, email: jabrogan@ieee.org or jabrogan@satx.rr.com.

If you would like to nominate someone for "Young Engineer of the Year" please submit your nominations to Edgar Munoz PE Office phone: (210) 641-2112 or email: eamunoz@terracon.com

Please provide the following information:
Candidates name, phone number & email.

The Young Engineer of the Year will be recognized at the Proclamation Breakfast and the Engineer of the Year will be recognized at the Engineer's Banquet during National Engineer's Week February 17-23, 2013.

-Attention Young TSPE Members (<35 years of age) Mr. Joshua Edwards, PE the 2012-2013 State TSPE Young Engineers Committee Chairman, would like to form a committee with young engineers from each chapter across the state. Committee members will join in monthly conference calls to discuss, plan, and implement activities to get young engineers more involved in TSPE. If you would like to get involved and volunteer to be a part of this committee please contact Mr. Joshua Edwards, PE at (806)290-3522 or at jobear05@yahoo.com



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WEBPAGE

The TSPE Bexar Chapter webpage is online. Our web address is www.bexartspe.org. The webpage has important chapter information including an officer list and a calendar of upcoming events!

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TSPE Membership... Pass the advantage along.

2012 – 2013 Member Appreciation Program

TSPE appreciates the support from the membership for their encouragement of new members. To show our appreciation, we are rewarding you with gifts.

As a member YOU already know the advantage membership has given you.

- Promotion of the profession's image
- Recognition from your peers
- Numerous educational courses
- Variety of idea exchange sessions
- Giving back to the community
- Leadership training
- Advocacy before the Legislature
- Educating your hometown community about the engineering profession
- Encouraging future engineers

We are asking that YOU share your enthusiasm and value received from membership with the engineers in your community. Your encouragement to join will increase the strength and service TSPE can provide to you. **TSPE is the only organization representing the interest of all licensed Professional Engineers.**

What's in it for you?

Recruit 10 + new members

The Member who sponsors the most over 10 receives a two night stay at La Mansion Del Rio, San Antonio (\$600 value)

Recruit 10 new members

Free one day Annual Conference, Leadership Conference, or Chapter Seminar registration of your choice

Recruit 9 new members

FREE TSPE (state and chapter) membership dues (\$178.00 value)

Recruit 8 new members

\$30 TSPE Bucks

Recruit 7 new members

\$25 TSPE Bucks

Recruit 6 new members

\$20 TSPE Bucks

Recruit 5 new members

\$15 TSPE Bucks

Recruit 4 new members

\$10 TSPE Bucks

Recruit 1 new member

Name on TSPE Website

Each new member sponsored, enters you into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate.

To receive credit, you must notify the state office each time you recruit a new member. Please e-mail this information to membershio@tspe.org or call (512) 472-9286. Prizes are awarded quarterly after new or reinstated member dues are paid in full. TSPE Bucks can be used at any TSPE state or chapter event as well as to purchase items from the TSPE store. Bucks expire one year after they are awarded.

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Announcement from the Editor...

Contribute to your chapter and community by submitting engineering related articles. Articles may be eligible for PDH time so hurry and submit yours. The **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER deadline** for receiving articles or advertisements is **November 12**. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me by email at ldeleon@bmbi.com or by phone at (210) 494-7223

Sincerely,
Lorena Carter, E.I.T.

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